



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 29 March 2020 – Lent 5

For use at home during the COVID-19 social distancing and isolation from corporate worship

The aim of this leaflet is to help you pray at home as part of the Worldwide Anglican family in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please use this sheet in conjunction with weekly Pewsheets and the SEC Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer.



You can follow these Daily Offices online at www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/ where you will find Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer each day of the week. All the Psalm and Bible texts are automatically there for the day and any commemoration or Festival.

Holy Hour from St Gabriel's Oratory (Reubens attic!) is online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXrYW44dnyg> with the music of Margaret Rittza we have been enjoying at Holy Hour when we were using the church for Open Fridays

Just before the Lord's Prayer you can insert these prayer intentions for the day and the names of those for whom we have been asked to pray in their different needs.

Watch out for a **Palm Sunday special service** online details next week.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **each SUNDAY 7pm**

The Call to a National Day of Prayer, is in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, people of faith across our nation are invited to join in prayerful solidarity with this witness. Light a candle at 7pm each Sunday, in the window of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life.



A prayer to use when you light your candle:

For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger,
thank you.

May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless,
experience support,

May those who are sick, know healing,

May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.

Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers,
with wisdom,

Bless and guide health workers and key workers,
with strength and well-being,

Bless and guide each one of us,

as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows,
across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle,
be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Litany – from the Glasgow Diocesan daily prayer cycle

In the peace of Christ, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

For the peace that is from above, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

For peace in the life of the churches and their unity, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

That the Holy Spirit will bring strength and courage, let us pray:

Kyrie eleison.

For bishop Kevin called to be the next Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway:

Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Argyll and The Isles:

Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Glasgow and Galloway:

Thanks be to God.

For all those who work and worship in Scotland for the furtherance of the Gospel:

Thanks be to God.

Inspire us to spread the Good News as Moluag did:

Holy God, hear us.

Help us to be builders of your church as Columba was:

Holy God, hear us.

Teach us to love as Mungo the beloved, loved:

Holy God, hear us.

Grant us the perseverance of Ninian:

Holy God hear us.

Remind us of your promises never to leave us:

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen our hope in Your future:

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Empower us to speak and act in Your name.

Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

To God the Life Bringer:

All praise and honour be.

To God the Pain Bearer:

All praise and honour be.

To God the Joy Giver:

All praise and honour be.

Blessed Holy undivided Trinity:

Unite us all in and through your love. Amen.

Sunday 29 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion from

<https://www.anglicannews.org/blogs/2020/03/anglican-cycle-of-prayer-prayer-for-repentance.aspx>

“This Sunday in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for repentance, in line with the primates-endorsed call by the Task Group established by the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the request of the primates in 2016. In this blog, ACNS sets out the history of the Task Group’s work and explains the background to the call to prayer.

In January 2016, the primates of the Anglican Communion gathered together for the first time since 2011, for the first Primates’ Meeting called by Archbishop Justin Welby since he became Archbishop of Canterbury.

The meeting, held at Canterbury Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Communion, was called in part to address disagreements and division within the Anglican Communion. At it, the primates agreed to “walk together, however

painful this is, and despite our differences, as a deep expression of our unity in the body of Christ.”

The primates asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to establish a Task Group to look at restoring relationships within the Anglican Communion. The task group, which included Anglicans from across the theological spectrum, presented its work in summary form to the October 2017 Primates’ Meeting, also in Canterbury, and its full report to the January 2020 Primates’ Meeting in Jordan.

One of its recommendations was for the fifth Sunday in Lent this year – 29 March – to be set aside as a time of prayer for repentance in the Anglican Communion.

The call to prayer is a call for the whole Anglican Communion to repent – not just particular factions of it; as Paul said in his letter to the Romans: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Describing her time on the Task Group, the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, said that she had “especially appreciated the opportunity, as colleagues in ministry, to share honestly and openly about the challenges and differences we were experiencing in our provinces in relationship to marriage and our social contexts.

“The opportunity to hear first-hand does change how we desire to respond. That led readily into a recognition that Anglicans in all circumstances could identify areas where repentance is needed in our relationships – not by pointing the finger at others in self-righteousness – but by inward reflection on our assumptions and judgements that have caused pain and hurt.”

The former Archbishop of South East Asia, the Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing, said: “It pains to see the Communion going through ‘splits and dissension’. We cannot leave it without addressing the core issue ie, the sin of humankind.

“The Season of Prayers and Repentance is most appropriate to help bring us to the realisation that we must first set ourselves right with God and then only with one another. In the end of the day, no one is holier than the other, we all are sinners. We need to return to the Almighty to ‘walk before Him, and be blameless’ (Gen 17:1).

Bishop Moon Hing wrote a prayer on behalf of the Task Group for use on Sunday. This is published below, and is also available, along with other resources for the day, online at anglicancommunion.org/prayer.

The Anglican Communion: A Prayer for Repentance

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Sovereign Lord of the universe,
Creator of humankind,
we, your unfaithful children,
are truly sorry for our sins
and the lives that we have lived.
We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts
that only through the precious blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary,
can we obtain your forgiveness.

We repent that:
in thought, word or deed,
we have committed serious offences against you
and our neighbours.

In laziness, despair and lust for power,
we have provoked hatred, division and hurt
within our communities.

In greed, deceit and indifference,
we have caused serious damage,
unnecessary conflict
and aggravated destruction
to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters.

In selfishness, insensitivity and bias,
we have encouraged and emboldened
those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow
on our loved ones and families.

In the name of religion, doctrine
and even of Christ himself,
we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith.
In stubbornness, pride and arrogance,
we have caused division and strife within your church
and among your children.

Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit of order and comfort,

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness;
restore in us true faith in Christ
which brings truth, peace and harmony;
and help us to walk together
with our brothers and sisters
in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

In the SEC we pray for

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).

Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.

Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.

Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kevin Francis).

In our local Charges

We pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic & healing for all who are suffering from covid-19.

We pray for our church family members in these testing times. We pray for parents with children at home as well as those adults working from home and those who cannot work at this time.

We pray for the safe keeping of our church buildings in these vulnerable times and also our constant financial support to ST Johns and St Margarets that will enable us to continue our online and telephone ministries.

We pray for those who are sick and in need on our pewsheet...

We pray for those who are mourning and those whose anniversaries fall this week.

In our communities

We give thanks for all who are volunteering in our districts to help the isolated and vulnerable.

We pray for the police as they keep the community safe at home.

We pray for the NHS staff as they prepare for potential increases in COVID19 cases.

We pray for the unemployed with no income and we pray for the work of our Lent Appeal – The Glasgow City Mission as they look after some of the most vulnerable people in our region.

Monday 30 March intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Mbamili (Nigeria) The Right Revd Henry Okeke

Wau (South Sudan) The Most Revd Moses Deng

BolIbba (South Sudan) The Right Revd Wilson Elias Kamani

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (David Pickering).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for all Care workers in the Care Homes of our Towns and Villages and conerbations

In our communities

We pray staff at the food shops and supermarkets in their work that the public may be respectful to them

We pray for people living with mental disorders during this traumatic time

We pray our political leaders in their tasks of guiding our nations

Tuesday 31 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Mbeere (Kenya) The Right Revd Moses Masamba Nthukah

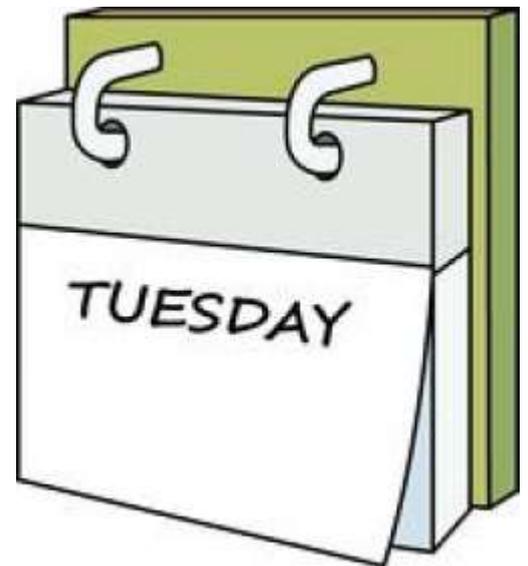
Wellington (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Right Revd Justin Duckworth &

Idah (Nigeria) The Right Revd Joseph Musa

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie).



In our local Charges

as Sunday and we pray for Postal Workers and Delivery drivers, and all working in the Pharmacies

In our communities

We pray for our family members, and those facing isolation today

We pray all struggling to find new ways of creating a living having lost their income

We pray for all caring for vulnerable elderly members of the community

We pray for all separated from family during birthday celebrations

Wednesday 1 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mbashe (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Elliot Williams
& Wernyol (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.



- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop John Taylor, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for St Johns that the renovations and repairs may successfully come to pass after we have travelled through this difficult time

In our communities

We pray for who are ill in hospital at this time and for families unable to go and visit them

We pray for the staff at our hospitals

We pray for all young people who are bewildered and frustrated

We pray for all families estranged from each other by distance and dint of this coronavirus outbreak

Thursday 2 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Meath & Kildare (Ireland) The Most Revd Patricia Louise Storey
West Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Johnson Twinomujuni
West Buganda (Uganda) The Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

- Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese.
- North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Sandy Montgomerie, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- St James, Ardbrecknish (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

as Sunday and for all the groups that previously have been using the hall, that their members are able to continue to support each other in these testing times. We pray for the Brownies and Guiding movement as they support youngsters as they grow and develop.

In our communities

We pray for people working to keep our energy supplies flowing
We pray for those who work in the local petrol stations and corner shops and Post Offices

We pray for all trying to keep contact with community group members

We pray for people who are lonely and those who are frightened

Friday 3 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese Medak (South India) The Rt Revd A.C. Solomon Raj
& West Lango (Uganda) The Rt Revd Alfred Acur Okodi

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop;
Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College
of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered
themselves through the discernment process; the
people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole
Scottish Episcopal Church.



- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen).
- St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for the support we are giving to the Lent Appeal – The Glasgow City Mission

In our communities

We pray for the homeless

We pray for Glasgow City Mission as our Lent Appeal cause this year

We pray for all Outreach workers to the homeless

We pray for the volunteers who run the Foodbanks

We pray for an end to the need for such help and an equitable sharing of resources to help all live with shelter & food for themselves and their families.

Saturday 4 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese Melbourne (Australia) The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier
& West Missouri (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Martin Field

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (Gordon Fyfe).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).
- St John's, Ballachulish (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for those caring for the ill, aged and disabled

We pray for all who support 'living in the community'

We pray for the care homes of our area

We pray for people moving out of their homes and into care settings



Leading your Church
into Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

**Everybody is invited and welcome
but 1 by 1 at this time of COVID-19 sadly!**



The SEC is dedicated to becoming a welcoming, open and inclusive spiritual environment for all people- irrespective of gender, sexual and sexuality identities. We seek to offer a place for you to connect with the true self that we believe God has made you. If you feel different – welcome! We are different because we believe that as we walk with Jesus Christ together our lives are transformed and find renewed meaning and purpose, sharing in the gift of life as we know it now.

You have found a new home and family to grow and flourish- welcome!



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